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**PREPACKAGE CONTROL FOR
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE**

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INTERPRETATION

- Pre-package includes a combination of a product and the packing material in which its pre-packed
- pre-packaged product includes any item that is made up as an entity and for which its quantity has been determined prior to being offered for sale irrespective of whether such an entity is wholly

How are pre packages controlled?

.Legislation

- Cap 103

- S.I 36/2007

- S.I 34/2007

- . Routine inspections

Legislation

S.I 36/2007 provides guidelines for inspection / testing of products in the following areas

- Net quantity
- Labelling
- Standard quantities
- Deceptive packaging

Quantities

Under S.I 36/2007 the following quantities are covered under the inspection and testing procedures:

- Mass
- Volume
- Length
- Area
- Count

Net content requirements

The inspections and the tests are based on an average quantity system as opposed to the minimum quantity system

[obsolete in Uganda]

Net content determination

-requires the inspector to know:

- Inspection lot size
- Sample size
- Average tare weight
- Tolerable deficiencies [T,T1,T2]
- Sample correction factors
- Criteria for acceptance or rejection of an inspection lot

Labelling requirement

- Name of packer, etc
- Address of packer ,etc
- Name of product
- Nominal quantity
- Expiry date in case of human food
- Size of letters and numbers

Labelling requirements cont'd

- Position of information on pack
- Legibility
- Comprehensibility
- Language
- Units of measurement
- Symbols of units of measurement

Standard quantities

Are they necessary ?

See example 1,

Deceptive packaging

False bottom

Side walls

Non functional slack fill

[All prohibited under the law]

Inspector's target points

Point-of-pack

Import

Distribution

Wholesale

Retail sale

sanctions

- Warning
- Issuance of restraint of sale document
- Re-packing the product
- Destroying the product
- Court fines
- imprisonment

Example2

A pre-package x from a batch of 450 packages is brought to an inspector

It's weight is 500g. How can he/she proceed to assess its conformity or non conformity to the pre-package Rules?

THANKS ANY QUESTIONS?